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HOME, SWEET HOME — Shirley Wiselolle embraces her son, Fire Controlman Seaman Ben Wiselolle on Pier Two after his ship, the destroyer USS Thorn, returned from a six-month Mediterranean deployment and stopped in Newport last week. Some family members shipped out for a two-day tiger cruise to Norfolk. Story, more pictures, Pages 8-9.



Ferry hurls test payloads

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center tests a new payload launch system off the upper deck of the Martha's Vineyard high speed ferry.

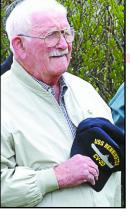
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Tribute paid Asian-Pacific

The Naval Ambulatory Care Center hosts a cultural observance of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, featuring food, dance and crafts.

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USS Bennington remembers 103

Aging veterans return to Newport last week to dedicate a memorial to 103 shipmates killed in an explosion on the USS Bennington in 1954.

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The high-speed ferry Millenium, which usually shuttles passengers from Quonset Point to Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts at up to 45 mph, was instead launching dummy torpedoes into Narragansett Bay last month.

The experiment, devised by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division, Newport, was designed to test an advanced launcher system for torpedoes. For propulsion, several automobile air bag inflators were employed.

NUWC was supported in the tests by Systems

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FISH AWAY! — The Millenium, a high speed commercial ferry, cruises at 45 mph in Narragansett Bay as a payload shaped like a torpedo, right, is launched from the upper decks in an experiment by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center and SEA Corp. of Middletown.





Booming salute to Memorial Day

TOP: Chief Gunner's Mate Martin Beeman, right, and **Gunner's Mate First Class** Bobby Johnson, Security Division, fire a 21-round salute from the 40 mm battery at Dewey Field, Coasters' Harbor Island, last Monday noon in honor of Memorial Day.

LEFT: Capt. Anthony Ruoti, Chairman of the Joint Military Operations Department, Naval War College, speaks at City Hall ceremonies. At right is the Artillery Company of Newport in period uniform.

Richard Alexander/U.S. Navy photos

Former ambassador offers Iraq exit plan

Former U.S. Ambassador Nations in East Timor. As a Peter W. Galbraith, currently senior diplomatic fellow at the Foreign Relations Committee Center for Arms Control and in the 1980s, he uncovered and Non-Proliferation and a partner in a firm specializing in international law and negotiation, will lecture on "How to Get Out of Iraq" on Wednesday, June 9, at 6 p.m. at Salve Regina University's Pell Center for and 1994 negotiations that led International Relations and Public Policy.

Galbraith's extensive article, "How to Get Out of Iraq," was published last May 13 in the New York Review of Books, and link: www.nybooks.com/articles/17103

Galbraith served as the first Croatia and with the United ter office at 341-2927.

staff member of the Senate documented Iraq's "Anfal' campaign against the Kurds.

Ambassador Galbraith was actively involved in the Bosnia and Croatia peace processes. He participated in the 1993 to the March 1994 signing of the Washington Agreement ending the Muslim-Croat war, and creating the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

He holds a bachelor's degree may be viewed at the following from Harvard, a master's from Oxford University and a Ph.d. from Georgetown.

Reservations should be United States Ambassador to made by June 7 at the Pell Cen-



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TINIKLING DANCE participants, Fred Beebe, left, and Chief Hospital Corpsman Aquiles Faustino, far right, knock bamboo sticks together for Ryan Milan, second left, and Lt. Cindy McKenna at the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month observance last week at the Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC).

NACC, NAVSTA Newport take time for Asian-Pacific cultures

By JOY CHRISTMAS

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

The Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC) Newport and Naval Station Newport united last week to observe Asian Pacific American Heritage Month last week.

More than 100 staff and family members gathered in spaces outside the Physical Therapy Department to celebrate the diversity and contributions of the culture.

This year's theme was "Freedom for All, A Nation We Call Our Own."

The celebration included two dance demonstrations indigenous to the Philippines by staff and family members dressed in native cultural dress. The Maria Clara dance was performed during the Spanish regime to entertain dignitaries.

The Tinikling Dance, or bamboo stick dance, is the national dance of the Philippines. Dancers keep rhythm to music by stepping in and out of low tapping bamboo poles.

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A BUFFET of Asian Pacific cuisine is served to NACC and Naval Station Newport staff and guests.

BOOST graduates 41 Marines today

By JOY CHRISTMAS

NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Forty-one Marines will graduate in ceremonies today from the nine-month Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program as part of the Seaman to Admiral (STA-21) Program, Officer Training Command-Newport.

The graduation will be at 10 a.m. in Building 1112, at Naval Station Newport.

Retired Marine Corps Maj. Gen. John J. Salesses, who served in the Marine Corps from 1958 to 1988, will be guest speaker.

Salesses, who graduated from Providence College and earned a Ph.D. in 16th century literature from the University of Rhode Island, served as vice president for academic affairs at Rhode Island College from 1990 to 2002. He is currently chair of the English Department at Salve Regina University.

The BOOST college preparatory program is designed to support Navy officer accession goals, in conjunction with the Marine Corps BOOST selection process. It provided an

opportunity for select enlisted men and women to undertake a condensed, but comprehensive program of academic preparation and enrichment aimed at preparing them for the successful completion of follow-on studies at designated colleges of universities in pursuit of a commission.

BOOST Class 0304 and follow-on institutions of study:

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Sgt. Jeffrey D. Akins, University of Colorado, Boulder

Sgt. Nicholas Astacio, Norwich University

Sgt. Jason S. Balentine, Norwich University

Cpl. Emmanuel K. Baning, Norwich University

Sgt. Richard H. Cardona, Florida Community College, Jacksonville Sgt. Mathew L. Clark, University of Colorado, Boulder

Sgt. Narciso Corral Jr., Illinois Institute of Technology

Cpl. Jeffrey J. Edwards, University of Arizona

Sgt. Rich T. Farnsworth, University of Idaho

Sgt. Chad R. Gowing, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Sgt. Kevin E. Gregory, The Citadel Sgt. Jason A. Haag, Old Dominion

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A number of things...

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The speed in miles per hour of the high-speed ferry Millenium while launching torpedo-like payloads in an experiment by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

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The number of ships from six nations involved in the largest NATO exercise in history, Mare Aperto 2004. Two of the returning U.S. warships stop at Naval Station Newport to pick up 'tiger cruise' passengers.

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Title: International students instructor at Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOLCOM)

Hometown: Yorktown, Va.

Most memorable career event: Getting selected for Human Resources

Most memorable life event: Losing my grandfather Role model(s): My mother, who is a teacher, and my sister who is a coach

Free time activities: Reading, bike riding, skiing

Favorite book: *The Phantom Tollbooth*

Favorite movie: Clerks

Favorite TV show: Friends (was)

Favorite professional team: Whomever is winning **Secret to success:** Start every day new, learn from mis-

takes,then let go of them

Favorite local restaurant: The Red Parrot

Something I've always wanted to do or be: See Jimmy Buffett in Key West

Pet peeve: Superiority complexes

Favorite quote, motto or phrase: This, too, shall pass Long-term goal in life: I want it all! Mainly, always doing

well and not taking the gift of life for granted

If you could, what one thing would you add to NAVSTA Newport: Shuttles for the international students

Meetings/reunions

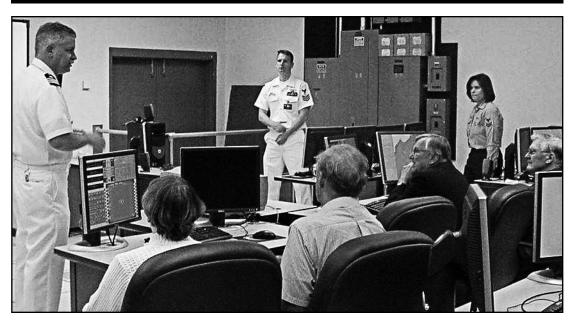
USS Courtney

The USS Courtney (DE-1021) will hold its next reunion Sept. 16-19 in Warwick, R.I. If you served on board any of the Dealey-Class destroyer escorts out of Newport, R.I., contact Marc Arsenault at 98 Oxbow Rd, Charlton, Mass. 01507. His phone number is (508) 248-5072; email: *marc-a@rcn.com* and Web site: http://newportdealeys.com

USS Boston

A reunion of all shipmates of the USS Boston (CA-69, CAG-1 and SSN-703, will be held July 8 to 11 at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover, Mass., 01810. For more information, contact Arthur Hebert, Post Office Box 816 of Amherst, N.H. 03031. Phone (603) 672-8772

Bravo zulu



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Cmdr. Chip Swicker, left, Command-at-Sea Director, Surface Warfare Officers School Command; Operations Specialist First Class (SW) Donald Loomis, center, and Fire Control Technician Second Class (SW) Tanya Schroder demonstrate the new Generic Reconfigurable Training System (GRTS) to the former wardroom and spouses of the destroyer USS Samuel B. Roberts (DD 823). The reunion group visited May 20 and consisted of tours of trainers. Capt. David LaBarbera, Director, Fleet Initial Training at SWOS, and former commanding officer of the guided missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58), joined the tour to discuss the ship's past experiences, such as a homeport change, and to discuss the differences in the two ships that share the same namesake with the reunion group.

Assistance

Civilians eligible for counseling

All Naval Station Newport civil service employees are now eligible for three free visits and one follow-up visit per instance under the Civilian Employee Assistance Program.

Services provided under the contract include: marital and family issues; addictions including alcohol and drug; stress; emotional difficulties; and the effects of financial and legal concerns.

Family members are also covered under the contract. Even a child away at college is eligible and will be provided services in their area.

The contract is with the Lexington Group, Inc. For services you should call: Toll Free 1-800-676-HELP(4357).

Employees making self referrals should make appointments for either after hours or take leave. Any referrals made by supervisors can be made on government time.

For more information call Karen L. Peckham, Command Support Department, 841-6197 or email: Peckhamk@nsnpt.navy.mil



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A representative from the Navy Federal Credit Union will be conducting this program at the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, June 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is required and may

Fleet and Family Support Center

be made by calling 841-2283.

Lunch And Learn Movie Matinee—The Fleet and Family Support Center has just received some new videos. If you are interested in learning how to make your money grow and free yourself from debt, you don't want to miss this one.

"Nine Steps to Financial Freedom with Suze Orman," will be shown on Friday, June 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is not required. Just bring your lunch and enjoy the show!

Investments for retirement—This is a retirement class for all ages. You are not going to be in your 20s and 30s forever. Now is the time to learn how to prepare for those days when you do not have to work every day.

The Fleet and Family Support Center is offering this class on Tuesday, June 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn to manage an investment portfolio and how taxes and inflation can affect your retirement

A question of ethics

Guest speaker can't fly for free

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following information is provided by the Naval Station Newport Staff Judge Advocate and ethics counselor.

Q. What are the guidelines on accepting official speaking engagements?

A. Where a service-member

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Registration is required. Call

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Discount tickets (\$10) are available at Ticket Connection, Building 656. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult.

For more information, visit www.NewportFestivals.com

FRIDAY, June 4

- Grand Opening Deck Parties, Officers' Club and Recreation Building, 4 to 6 p.m., hamburgers on grill, weather permitting.
 • 2004 Special Olympics Rhode
- Island State Summer Games begin through Sunday, University of Rhode Island. More than 100 Navy and Department of Defense personnel will assist.
- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622)
- Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. \$12.50 for the first child, and \$7.50 for each additional child.
- Scrapbooking, 6 p.m. to midnight. \$7 per person, per session.
- Free movies at the NAVSTA Newport Recreation Center available upon request: Against the Ropes(PG-13); Cold Mountain(R).
- "The Mosquito Fleet; World War II PT Boat" exhibit on display through July 1, Naval War College Museum, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Russian Submarine Juliett 484 Museum open for tours, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Collier Point Park, Providence. Adults, 8 p.m.; children 16 and under, \$5; seniors and military personnel in uniform, \$6. Also, 10 a.m.
- •Soup kitchen at Martin Luther King Center, 8:30 a.m., Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, military volunteers welcome. Also, Salvation Army, 5 to 5:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, June 5

- Newport's Commemoration of the Battle of Midway, 5 to 11 p.m., perception/program, Spruance Hall lobby/auditorium; and buffet dinner and cash bar, Dewey Field, Naval War College. For tickets and more information, contact Al Lawton, NWC Special Events, 841-3813
- 2004 Newport International Polo Series season opens though September, 5 p.m., Glen Farm, Portsmouth. USA vs. Scotland.
- The live and interactive "Masters of the Sky" exhibit continues through Sept. 6, Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence.
- •Soup kitchen at Community Baptist Church, 4:30 p.m., Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, military volunteers welcome

SUNDAY, June 6

• Chapel of Hope Sunday worship

- Protestant service, 8 and 10:30 \$7.50 for each additional child.
- Catholic mass, 9 a.m. and noon.
- Sunday Brunch, Officers' Club, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- MONDAY, June 7
- Armed Services YMCA (846-
- Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. \$12.50 for the first child, and \$7.50 for each additional child.
- Fleet and Family Support Center
- Transition Assistance Management Program begins through June 10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Harbor Island Conference Center. Program of resources and information to help service member with transition from the military to civilian sector.
- Military Youth Activities (MYA) Summer Camp registration, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Gym 109. Call 841-7196 for more information.
- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m. Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard; 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph's Church, Broadway, Newport. Military volunteers welcome.
- Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Louisville Bats, 7:05 p.m., McCov Stadium, Pawtucket. Discount ticket vouchers available at MWR Information, Tickets and Travel, Building 656, 841-3116. Games Also, June 8, 9 and 10,

TUESDAY, June 8

- Pre-Retirement Seminars through June 12. June 8, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Social Security Administration, Internal Revenue Service, Navy Federal Financial Group, State of Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs: June 9, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., eligible employees of the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS); June 10, employees of the Federal Employees Retirement (FERS). Registration required. Call Paul Dumais, 841-3715, or e-mail dumaisp@nsnpt.navy.mil
- Armed Services YMCA (846-9622):
- Fitness Hour, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Childcare available for children over 10 months. \$4 for the first child, then \$1 each additional child.
- -Scrapbooking, 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 per person, per session.
- Rubber Stamping, 6:30 p.m. \$10 to create up to three projects, or \$5 to stamp per person, per session.
- Fleet and Family Support Center (841-2283)
- The Credit Process, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Valuable information on how to establish credit, correct credit problems and rebuild good credit.
- Newport Public Library Storytime for 3 to 4 year-olds, 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays through June 15, Newport Public Library, Spring Street, Newport. Registration is required. Call 847-8720, extension 204.
- · Navy Choristers rehearsal, 6:15-8:45 p.m., Quinn Lecture Room at Naval War College. Call 847-4256 or 423-3523 for more information.
- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport; Also, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Marlborough Street, Newport, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, June 9

- Armed Services YMCA (846-
- Parents' Time Out, 9 a.m. to noon. \$12.50 for the first child, and

- Newport Public Library Toddler Time for 2 to 3-year-olds, 10:30 a.m., each Wednesday through June 16, Newport Public Library, Spring Street, Newport...
- Soup kitchen, 8:30 a.m., Martin Luther King Center, Dr. Marcus Wheatland Boulevard, Newport. Military volunteers welcome.

THURSDAY, June 10

- Armed Services YMCA(846-9622) – Parents as Teachers (PAT) Playgroup, 10:45 a.m. to noon. A time for children to play and interact with their children with age-appropriate activities. Open to families with chil-
- Newport Public Library After-School Program, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., through June 10. Free program of stories, crafts, songs and snacks for children in Kindergarten through second grade. Call 847-8720, exten-

dren prenatal through age 5.



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DOWN A PINT — Chief Navy Counselor (AW) Martha Lara, Command Career Counselor, Surface Warfare Officers School Command, donates a pint of blood last week at the R.I. Blood Donor Center coach.



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Teens will assist with programming, planning and implementing a variety of recurring and non-accruing activities throughout the summer camp program and adheres to regulations, safety procedures and may assist assigned personnel in the monitoring of change funds, maintaining routing reports, and/or perform clerical and/or general maintenance duties as needed.

For more information, call the Personnel Office at 841-7697 or log onto to download application packets.

Fitness Plus closes for day

Because of a scheduled power outage Fitness Plus will be closed on Monday, June 7. For more information, call the Athletic Director's Office at 841-7196.

Reserve space for your picnic

The picnic areas and ball fields at the Carr Point Recreation Area and Bishop's Rock Picnic Area, and the RV Park on Burma Road, are open for the season. Both picnic areas and ball fields are open from 11 a.m. through dusk (approximately 8 p.m.).

Reservations for Bishop's Rock and Carr Point picnic sites and ball fields are being taken in the Athletic Department office. Reservations will be on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information call the Athletic Department Office in Gym 109 at 841-7196.

Phone, mail and walk-in reservations are also being accepted for the RV Park at the Carr Point Recreation Area.

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Announcements

DoD personnel are eligible to

utilize the RV Park. Rates are

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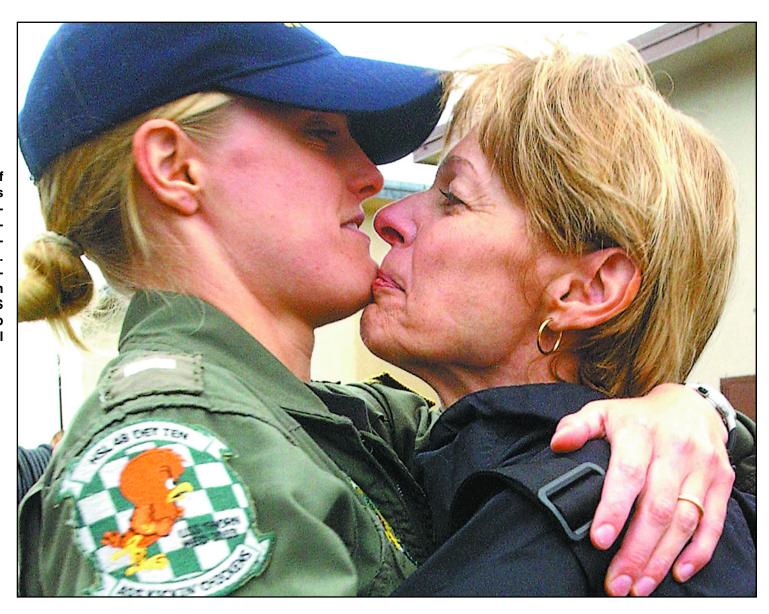






ARLEIGH BURKE, ARRIV-ING — The guided missile destroyer USS Gonzalez arrives at Pier Two on May 26 to pick up family members for a tiger cruise to Norfolk.

MariKay Peterson, right, of Denver, Colo., embraces her daughter, Lt. j.g. Elizabeth Griffiths, after she disembarks from the destroyer USS Thorn at Pier Two. The ship stopped in Newport after a six month deployment with the USS Enterprise Strike Group and NATO's Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean.



By JOY CHRISTMAS NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

he cool drizzle and light wind off of Narragansett Bay couldn't damper the enthusiasm of the families and friends waiting for the USS Thorn and USS Gonzalez at Pier Two at Naval Station Newport on May 26.

The two destroyers, returning from a six-month Mediterranean deployment, stopped in Newport to embark some guests for a two-day tiger cruise to the ships' homeport of Norfolk, Va.

The ships deployed last November as part of the USS Enterprise Strike Group and NATO's Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean in support of the global war on terrorism.

The crews took part in the two largest NATO exercises in history — *Mare Aperto 2004* and *Dogfish 2004*. They involved 37 coalition warships and submarines from six other nations: Germany, Italy, Turkey, Greece, United Kingdom and France.

Peggy Crofut was the first to arrive and the only one to brave the rain as she watched the USS Thorn nudged to the pier by tugboats. Her husband, Lt. j.g. Matthew Crofut,

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FAMILY and friends arriving on a bus from Norfolk, Va., wait in line at a security checkpoint on Pier Two.

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FAMILY members of Lt. j.g. Elizabeth Griffiths stretch a patriotic welcome home banner (with misspelling) as her ship, USS Thorn, berths at Pier Two.

RIGHT: The guided missile destroyer USS Gonzalez raises the First Navy Jack, 'Don't Tread on Me,' from the bow.







Ron Fontaine U.S. Navy photos

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is the combat information center officer (CICO).

"I am very excited to see him again," said Crofut, who drove up from Norfolk the day before.

The couple was married in Newport, and going to stay and celebrate their first anniversary.

"They took him away for six months, but brought him back to the right place. Getting soaked is worth it.

Derek Colby flew from Portland, Ore., to spend two days on the USS Gonzalez tiger cruise with his son, Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Third Class Richard Johnson.

"I'm very excited to spend some time with my son and learn about his job and meeting others on the ship to express my appreciation for their service," Colby said.

Identically dressed in red American flag t-shirts, father, Rod; brother, Cyler Caldwell; and grandfather, Ken Watson, from Wadsworth, Ohio, arrived early to see Seaman Chase Caldwell aboard the Thorn.

"I just want to see him, put my arms around his big neck and tell him I love him and welcome back," said Rod Caldwell.

"I'm looking forward to riding on the ship," said Cyler, 9, " and seeing where he eats, sleeps and works."

"I just have one thing say," said Watson, 70. "I missed my grandson, and want to see him."

Once berthed, representatives from each ship greeted the tigers in the Pier Two Conference Room and gave briefs on safety and activities planned on the last leg home. Activities included ice cream socials; movies on the mess deck; pizza parties; flight deck picnic; static displays; and damage control, man overboard, and search and rescue swimmers demonstrations.

"It's amazing to be back on American land, said Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice

Robert Shanahan of Thorn, who was greeted by his father, Gary. "It's been a long six months."

The elder Shanahan said he was ready to put on his sea legs and spending time with his son he hadn't seen in 18 months.

After a long 12-hour bus ride from Norfolk, Gas Turbine System (Mechanical) First Class Felix Salter, held on to his son Felix, 9.

"This is my only boy," said Salter, who's stationed aboard Thorn. "He's grown five or six inches. I'm looking forward to catching up, talking having fun and quality time."

"I'm excited," said the younger Salter, who has two sisters. "This is the first time I'll be all by myself with my dad."

MariKay Peterson of Denver Colo., was among several relative manning a banner to come welcome her daughter, helicopter pilot Lt. j.g. Elizabeth Griffiths, off the Thorn.

"We missed her so much," said Peterson. I'm looking forward to spending time with her. We're so

immensely proud of her."

"This is just so overwhelming," said Lt. j.g. Griffiths. "I'm just amazed to see all the people who supported me while I was gone."

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Thursday: Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., first deck, sit-down service. Dinner, 5 to 7 p.m.

Topside Pub or on the Blue Deck, Lobsters for Happy Hour. One-plus pound boiled lobsters, giant baked potatoes, hot and spicy wings, fresh garden salads, and creamy clam chowder.

Upcoming Events:

Advance tickets may be required for the following events: Gratuity is included in all tickets prices and there is no charge for children age 3 and under at special events.

Tickets are available at the Officers' Club Gift Shop during normal hours of operation or by phone using Visa or Master-

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 846-7987 or 841-4821.

Crab-Is-King at the Officers' Club Friday, June 18, 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance and cost \$31.95 for adults and \$14.45 for children 4 to 12, including gra- enjoy the "Chef's Choice," a

tuity. (Visa/MC only) at 846-7987 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit the O' Club gift shop.

Father's Day Buffet at the Officers' Club Sunday, June 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance and cost \$22.95 for adults and \$11.45 for children 4 to 12, the Blue Deck or in case of including gratuity. Order by phone (Visa/MC only) at 846-7987 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit the O' Club gift shop.

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(Recreation Center, Building 656, phone 841-3054)

Hours of operation: The Enlisted Club is open 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., Wednesday to Saturday. The CPO Lounge is open Wednesday and Thursday, 4 to Monday-Tuesday: Dinner, 4 9 p.m. and Friday, 4 to 11 p.m. Pub menu is available Wednesday through Saturday, 4 to 8 p.m. Lunch service is no longer available.

Tonight: Kick off the weekend with a rockin' good time! Head over to the Recreation Center, Building 656, every Friday and kick off the weekend with a fabulous TGIF party!

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USS Bennington veteran William A. Collins, left, of Newport, addresses former shipmates and family members during dedication ceremonies for a ship's memorial at Fort Adams Cemetery last week. About 100 crew and officers died in an explosion aboard

USS Bennington veterans remember 103 lost in 1954

By RICHARD ALEXANDER Navalog editor

Dozens of post-World War II Navy veterans, now in their 70s but each proudly wearing their USS Bennington ballcaps, returned to Rhode Island last week to remember 103 shipmates killed offshore exactly 50 years ago.

A USS Bennington Reunion Association granite and bronze memorial was dedicated at Ft. Adams Cemetery to officers and crew who perished in an explosion aboard the aircraft carrier 75 miles off Newport on May 26, 1954.

With their backs against the cold, damp air off the East Passage, the veterans traded stories of bravery and courage, horror and pain, that tragic

Vaporized hydraulic fluid from a leak in the ship's catapult ignited, sending a fireball through forward compartments. About 220 men were injured, many with horrible

The dead and injured were brought to the hangar deck,

and laid out. Some burned of retired Vice Adm. Thomas Sailors were barely alive, said Weschler of Newport, was a Stan Remillard of Taunton, Mass., a former mess cook. "You couldn't tell if they were white or black guys."

Former crewman Ralph Larson of Ontario, Calif., remembers Chief Boatswain's Mate arrived from all over the Leo Fix flooded the ship's ammunition locker to prevent further explosions, and in the process he drowned. His name is listed on the tablet.

Remillard heard about one petty officer who herded a group of seamen into the men's head after the initial explosion. They stuffed t-shirts around the hatch to keep the smoke out, but it seeped in, anvwav.

"So he told 'em to stick their heads in the toilet bowls, and keep flushing. That kept their air clear, and they survived,"

The ship steamed back to Quonset Point, but the more severely injured were airlifted by helicopter to the U.S. Naval Hospital in Newport. The copters landed on Third Street.

Mrs. Katrina Weschler, wife

recent graduate of the Yale School of Nursing. Her husband was a destroyer skipper, and they were stationed in Newport at the time.

She said medical help **USS BENNINGTON, Page 13** are Monday to Friday, 5 a.m. to 3054.

Leisure

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This class is required for youth ages 10 to 15, and is also available for 16 and 17-yearolds that may also choose to participate in the fitness assessment program instead.

The Youth Fitness Class is available on an individual basis by pre-registering at Gym 109 or FITNESS Plus in Building 355. Parents are required to be in the building where the course is being held during all class sessions.

Complete details on this program and youth fitness policies are available at Gym 109. Call 841-7196 for information or to pre-register.

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THE POLO PONIES are galloping again as the 2004 Newport International Polo Series season gets underway tomorrow though September at Glen Farm. Portsmouth. USA takes on Scotland at 5 p.m. The Naval War College has a team this year.

Navy improves in Shields racing

ON NARRAGANSETT BAY - for the gun. Navy sailboats fared a little better than last week in the Shields Fleet 9, Wednesday breeze, the race committee Night Racing Series on May 26. managed to get off a short Navy boat 163, skippered by Bernie Patterson of Middletown, slid into 10th place.

the match.

Two sets of former national and Reed Baer (107), and Earl Stubbs (59) made a run on first place, but could not hold on

postponements due to lack of corner, gains were made from course in the dying easterly.

Shifts rolled down from both sides of the course and at the But for the third week in a first mark, the top five boats row, Jamie Hilton and Charlie came from both corners in Shumway (217) held on to win whatever breeze they could

In the downwind leg, the champions, John Burnham gains came from the wings of the course, but on the last beat, it was anybody's game.

and fifth place boat Pearsall After almost an hour of and Doyle (222) hit the left the top right near the finish.

> The highlight of the race came at the end when all boats finished before the harbor turned to glass.

> Order of finish for the Navy boats are as follows:

> 13th, Boat 14, Col. Chuck Rushworth of Newport

> 15th, Boat 164, Cmdr. Ron Oard of Newport

16th, Boat 29, Dean Hilton, Burnham, Stubbs, Schofield of Holliston, Mass.

Gulls schedule Military Night

Baseball team to salute area Sailors of the Year

The Newport Gulls of the at the Newport Gateway park-New England Collegiate Base- ing garage across the street ball League will recognize when you show your ticket Newport area Sailors of the stub after the game. Year at a pre-game ceremony on Monday, June 14.

Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, throw out the ceremonial "first pitch" on Military Appreciation Night at Cardines Field on America's Cup Avenue.

All military members with an ID will receive free admission.

The gates open at 5 p.m. and the first 500 fans will receive free "koozies." The game starts at 6:35 p.m. against the Manchester Silkworms.

are only \$2 at the box office 10 are 50 cents. Parking is free at www.newportgulls.com.

The Newport Gulls are the

Capt. Robert McLaughlin, 2001 and 2002 league champi-



ons. The league is comprised of 13 teams from all six New England states. This wooden bat league attracts top college players from around country. and many pro scouts attend At all other games, tickets the games to size up players.

Visit the league with a military ID. Kids under www.necbl.com and the Gulls

Intramural softball

The Naval Station Newport Intramural Softball the Box, 13-6 League results for week ending May 28 follow:

May 24

Boon Dock Saints def. NACC First Commercial Financial, 9-5

DH 178 def. VFW Allstar Eagles, 30-5

REDCOM One def. Pier Pressure, 30-8

May 25

SWOS def. NJS, 25-5 Dirty Quahogs def. Fire Fighters, 22-5

May 27

Boon Dock Saints def. VFW Allstar Eagles, 27-5

Golden Spikers def. Out of

REDCOM One def. NACC First Commercial Financial, 7-5

Standings

Boon Dock Saints	2-0
REDCOM One	2-0
DH 178	1-0
SWOS	1-0
Dirty Quahogs	1-0
Golden Spikers	1-0
NJS	0-1
Pier Pressure	0-1
Fire Fighters	0-1
Out of the Box	0-1
NACC Financial	0-2
VFW Allstar Eagles	0-2

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region. The Red Cross helped in find places for family members to stay while the Sailors were treated.

"I remember it was very quiet Everyone was busy working nonstop; going about their trained jobs."

The \$11,000 memorial was the idea of former crewman William A. Collins of Newport who went to a ship's reunion in San Diego in 2002. He saw a memorial to 68 crewmen who died on the first USS Bennington in 1905. He decided to start a fundraiser to remember the 1954 victims of CVA-20.

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., one of the featured speakers, said the

"We saw incredible courage and sacrifice that day," said Reed. "Our military men and women who serve today are keeping that morning," she said. "The faith with what you did; they Navy nurses were so wonderful. never give up. Your inspiration continues today. Thank you for serving so well.'

> Dr. John Hattendorf, a historian and Chairman of Maritime History at the Naval War College, said dangers are ever present at sea.

> "The ship may provide a small island of safety, but our ships themselves present their own dangers. These are no less during the dawn of day as with the dark of night," he said.

Graham Casserly, master of Bennington disaster was one of ceremonies, said the explosion the worst peace-time accidents did not distinguish between



TWO USS Bennington veterans remove their ballcaps during the presentation of colors.

rank or rate. The dead ranged from the newest apprentice to two lieutenant commanders.

Eight survivors, some with faltering voice or choking back tears, read the names of all 103 victims.

Collins said the granite came from Barry, Vt.; the 4 by 3-foot bronze tablet from a foundry in Pittsburgh; and the monument was assembled by A. Monti Granite Co. of Quincy, Mass. It weighs four tons.

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Middletown.

deck while traveling at high vessel were evaluated. speeds through NUWC's test range north of Gould Island.

Engineering Associates Corp. of the same exterior shape and the launcher system are existing and ranging in diameter from a underwater countermeasures During the experiment, the as torpedoes, but are inert. The ships, such as the DDX destroy-125-foot ferry was outfitted with characteristics of the launch launcher systems on its upper and water entry from a surface

Gary Steigerwald, NUWC public affairs officer, said The jettisoned payloads have among possible candidates for

surface combatants and future er, Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV) Spartan, and the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS).

The launching system has been tested on other payloads, ranging from 17 to 850 pounds,

few inches to a foot.

"This technology makes it possible, for the first time, to mount a sealed and completely modular torpedo launch canister on surface warships," said NUWC engineer Daniel God-

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Chief Hospital Corpsman Aquiles Faustino, left, and Lt. Cmdr. Nora Milan demonstrate a Maria Clara Dance with Lt. Rodel Divina (hidden) and Hospital Corpsman Second Class Jennifer Pizzaro, center.

Asian-Pacific_

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A diverse collection of dolls, art jewelry and other oriental memorabilia from Japan, Korea and India was on display.

Lt. Cindy McKenna, NACC Orthopedics Department, and cocoordinator of the observance, presented a brief history of Asian Pacific Heritage Month and its

"It is celebrated to share the history, languages and cultures of Americans of Asian Pacific decent," she said. "And to recognize their many contributions and accomplishments as Americans and military members.'

In her remarks, Capt. Denise Reilly, interim Deputy NACC, recognized those on staff of Asian decent at NACC for their unique cultural diversity, and their contribution to the health care facility, the Navy and the country as a whole.

A static display of all NACC staff of Asian-Pacific Island decent pictured in their workspaces was displayed.

Ethics

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has been invited to speak at or participate in an event, free attendance to the event is generally okay as long as the member is acting in an official capacity.

Note that this rule does NOT include acceptance of free travel or lodging, but may include meals that are an integral part of the event.

Example: The Friends of Steel Hulls, a recognized public interest group, has organized a conference in New Orleans on shipbuilding requirements for the 21st century. Capt. Hornblower has been invited to speak on shipbuilding needs.

He can accept free attendance to the conference, as well as the free buffet lunch that is a scheduled conference event and is available to all conference attendees. But he cannot accept a free plane ticket to the Big Easy.

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The submarine and crew departed Groton April 23, 2003, and began the DMP May 19. Originally scheduled for 13 months, PNSY workers and Annapolis' crew worked together to complete the project in less than 12 months.

Sailors muster for Fleet Week

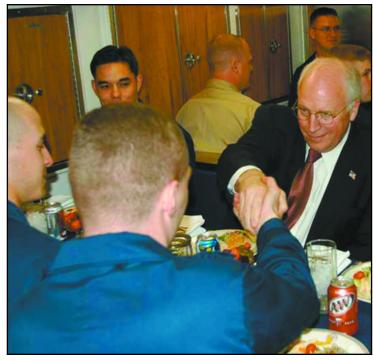
NEW YORK (NNS) — The 17th annual New York City Fleet Week got underway May 26 with a Parade of Ships led by the guided missile destroyer USS Barry and dock landing ship USS Iwo Jima steaming in as the parade's anchor.

The Parade of Ships passed the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, proceeded north through New York Harbor and the Hudson River, and to the George Washington Bridge. As the Parade of Ships passed the World Trade Center site, each ship rendered honors in memory of the sacrifices made Sept. 11, 2001.

More than 4,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen from the 12 visiting ships enjoyed the sights and sounds of the city and participated in sports competitions, community relations activities, social events, military demonstrations, and Memorial Day weekend remembrances in all five boroughs.

USS Pinckney

newest Arleigh Burke-Class guided-missile May 29 at the Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme,



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SPECIAL GUEST AT CHOW — Vice President Dick Cheney has lunch with Sailors aboard the attack submarine USS Virginia on May 19. Mr. Cheney visited the Groton, Conn., Submarine Base after giving the commencement address at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London nearby.

tle of Santa Cruz.

planned production run of 62 vessels and will be homeported in San Diego.

Navy training voting officers

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -With the Nov. 2 general election approaching, Navy voting officials are working hard to ensure every Sailor, Navy family member and civilian employee is contacted, given the opportunity to register to vote, and can cast a ballot by Election Day ..

To meet approaching dead-

lines, the Navy is turning to its Pinckney is the 41st ship of a voting assistance officers (VAOs) and the Internet.

> Lt. Cmdr. Mark Lofton, Navy voting assistance program officer at Navy Personnel Command, is currently identifying and training more than 2,300 VAOs worldwide, aided by a Web-based database known as VIMS (Voting Information Management System).

In January 2004, the Navy Voting Assistance Program launched VIMS as a Navywide means to register VAOs, track required reporting and quickly disseminate voting informaBOOST

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